

### Teen charged with robbery of Main St. convenience store

A Stouffville teenager has been charged in connection with the armed robbery of a Main Street convenience store last month.

A man carrying a knife went into the BJ Variety convenience store at 6416 Main St. Sept. 13, approached an employee and demanded cash, police said.

After being handed cash, the man fled on foot from the area.

The police helicopter and cruisers were spotted in the area that night. A portion of Tenth Line was closed for part of the evening. Motorists were stopped and questioned.

The convenience store is in a three-unit plaza on the north side of Main Street, just east of Park Drive.

A 19-year-old was arrested without incident during an interview at the York Regional Police station in Markham Tuesday, Const. Blair McQuillan said Thursday.

He has been charged with robbery.

# Officer killed in crash rose through York ranks

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York Regional Police Deputy Chief Bruce Herridge was in a Chicago airport when he got word that Supt. Mark Grant had been killed.

The colleagues, each with decades of experience in policing, sat in on the same two-hour session on risk management Tuesday while attending the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Chicago.

"Mark had a thirst for knowledge and would always seek out ways to utilize new information to benefit the organization, our people and the services we offer the community," Deputy Chief Herridge told the York Region Media Group. "He took his job seriously and understood the importance of teamwork."

Supt. Grant, 54, of East Gwillimbury, the officer-in-charge of information services for York Regional Police, died Thursday as a result of a two-car crash near the York/Durham Line and Sandford Road in Uxbridge, north of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Durham Regional Police crash investigators have determined Supt. Grant's northbound Chevrolet Impala was struck by an eastbound Chevrolet pickup truck driven by a 76-year-old Brechin man.

Supt. Grant was pronounced dead at the scene. His 54-year-old female passenger, a Newmarket resident, was hospitalized with serious injuries. The pickup's driver suffered minor injuries.

Supt. Grant, who began his policing career with York police in August 1979, was promoted to

his current rank last summer.

He began his career in Richmond Hill, moving to the force's mobile surveillance unit in 1987.

Promoted to sergeant in 1990, he was made a patrol supervisor in Richmond Hill until he moved to the Newmarket station in 1994, where he worked as a criminal investigator.

In 1996, he transferred to the morality bureau and commanded a team of drug investigators.

During the next decade or so, he rose through the ranks, assigned to duties including uniform, intelligence, drugs and vice and communications.

By March 2007, he was an inspector and was second in command of district operations at the Newmarket police station.

Funeral details are expected to be released in the coming days.



**SUPT. MARK GRANT:** Officer-in-charge of information services for York police killed in car crash

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